

**Re: Upper Cement Creek/Silverton/Animas River - Sunnyside/Jim Martin meeting**

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Jim/ Howard - The team met Thursday to discuss path forward and the issue of you meeting with Sunnyside. I think the group consensus is that you should meet with Sunnyside. See attached talking points. We will be meeting with BLM and the State today and if there is anything that modifies these talking points or our view of meeting with Sunnyside, we will update you.

Generally our conversation with the state and BLM today will be about what collaboration can look like. Right now we feel we are somewhat limited in what we can do collaboratively other than work with ARSG and whomever to discuss what next steps of investigatory work might look like. Mike Holmes is looking at all of the data to see where we might have gaps so as to inform this evaluation/discussion. Right now group consensus is that collaboration can't include remedy commitments or liability waiver. We are thinking we can stay involved in the Red and Bonita adit/workings evaluation. Referring Sunnyside to the team to discuss what collaboration means to them would be very useful.



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